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Ms. Jane Porter  
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RE: Site Management Activity Completed at Cambridge Elementary School, Cambridge / SMS Site #982435

Dear Ms. Porter:

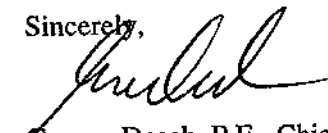
The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has reviewed Griffin International's report titled, *"Summary Report-Annual Soil Stockpile Monitoring for the Cambridge Elementary School"*. In this report, Griffin International recommends that the soil pile be thinspread on site and the site be removed from the active sites list. Based on the review of the site file and the current conditions at this site, the SMS has determined the following:

- The facility has operated as an elementary school, and is served by the municipal water system.
- In June 1998, one underground storage tank storing No. 2 fuel oil was removed from the facility. Soil contamination was encountered indicating a potential release of petroleum products had occurred. Approximately 35 cubic yards of soils were excavated and stockpiled offsite at the Town owned gravel pit on Stebbins Road. Post excavation soil samples were collected from the former UST hole and analyzed using EPA Methods 8021B and 8100M. No target compounds were detected, but TPH was detected at low levels. The limits of contamination were reported to have been defined.
- The stockpiled soils have been monitored on an annual schedule. The most recent event in September 2000 revealed no PID readings above background. Two discrete soil samples were collected and reveal no petroleum contaminants above the method detection limits.
- The source of the contamination at this facility has been adequately characterized and removed; and the site does not pose an unreasonable threat to human health or to the environment;

Based on the above, the SMS is assigning a Site Management Activity Completed designation. This designation does not release you of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination onsite. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work in response to the USTs that were removed in June 1998. At this time, the Town of Cambridge is authorized to thinspread the stockpiled soils on site.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please feel free to contact Linda Elliott or myself at 802-241-3888.

Sincerely,



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